

# Veterinary Dissecting Building

Herrick Archives Number H 115

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Building was never officially named by Board of Trustees.

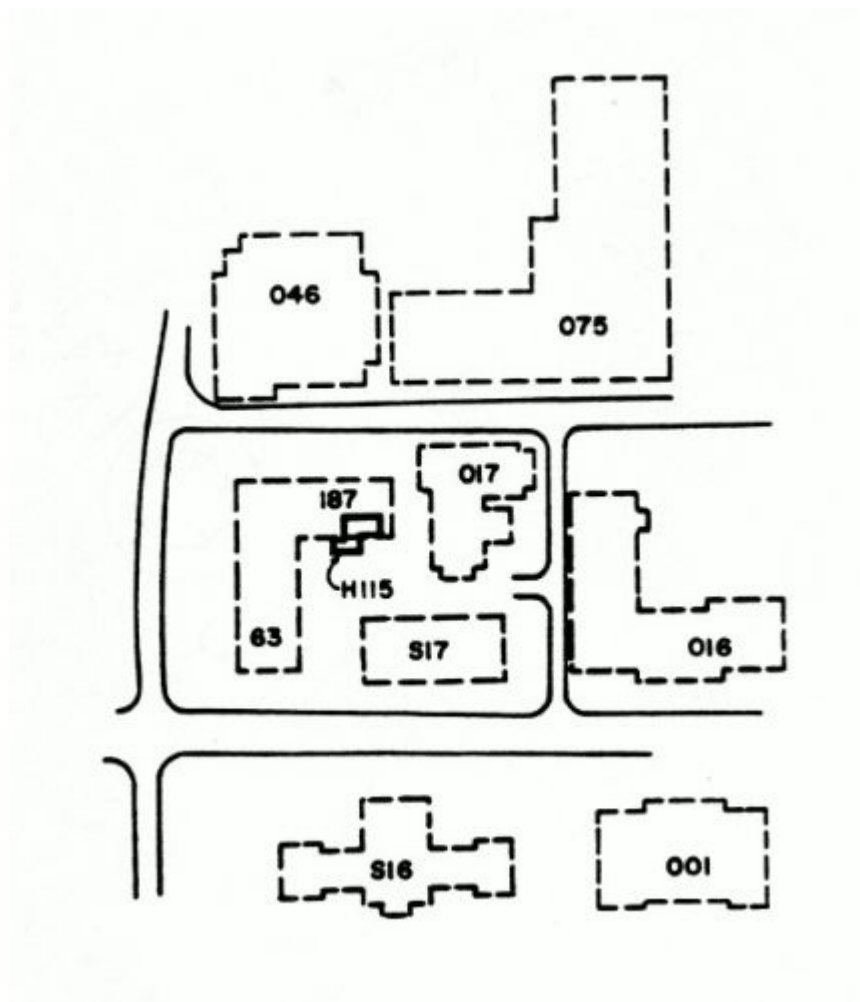
1.2 Alternate names noted:

Dissecting Building  
Dissection Building  
Dissecting House  
Carpenter Shop  
Paint Shop  
Shop

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at the rear of the original boiler house (H 100) and gas plant (H 101 and H 102). At east end of present Mathematics Building (187). See map below for approximate location.

2.2 For indexing purposes, the building is arbitrary listed at 229 West Eighteenth Avenue.



For Identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

### 3. General Description

#### 3.1 Type of construction:

##### 3.1.1 Original building:

Frame interior with common brick exterior walls. (McC 1:8A)

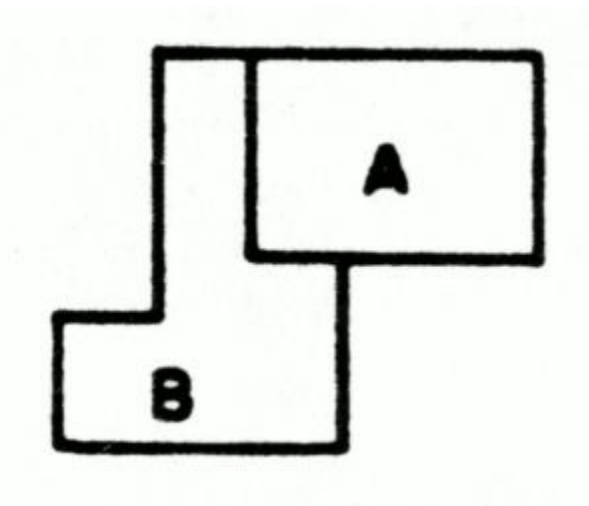
##### 3.1.2 Addition was frame with rolled tar paper roof, according to Photograph X 2722.

#### 3.2 No. of stories:

One Story, as shown in all photographs.

#### 3.3 Increments of construction:

Enlarged at least once. See sketch.



A - Original building

B - Addition

Available records make it impossible to locate accurately the line between A and B. Also, it has been impossible to determine whether B was all added at one time.

### 3.4 Size

3.4.1 McCracken (1:8A) gives 480 sq.ft. and 5600 cu.ft. as the building size. This applies only to the original building.

3.4.2 The size of the addition is not the same on all maps, but it appears that it was about 1.5 to 2 times the size of the original building.

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION - ORIGINAL BUILDING

No details have been found. The Board of Trustees on June 24, 1885 set aside money for this purpose. McCracken (1:74) reports this action and goes on to say, "A small brick building was built..., and was used by the department of Physiology as well as Veterinary Medicine for dissection purposes...."

## C. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION — ADDITION

No records have been found. The addition first appears on a June 30, 1899 map (189-09), which appears after page 155 in McCracken's first volume. It is possible that the addition was constructed later and added to the map. The earliest photographic evidence of the addition found is a 1911 picture (X 2721).

See Addendum No. 1, 2

## D. COST

\$417.25 (Cope: 492 and R 1885:13)

\$427.25 (McC 1:74 and 1:8A)

These costs apply to the original building only. No record has been found of the cost of the addition.

## E. CHANGE OF USE

McCracken (1:27) reports that the use of the original building for dissection continued until 1898, and from then on as a shop for the University carpenter.

However, the Board of Trustees on July 3, 1893 ordered the building turned over to the departments of zoology and entomology, with provision for the veterinary department nearer the new Veterinary Hospital (H 119).

The first University carpenter was employed about August 2, 1893 (McC 1:120), a month after the Board action cited in the preceding paragraph. This suggests that the building became a carpenter shop in 1893, rather than being taken over by zoology and entomology.

Maps showing the addition generally designate the building as "Shop" or "Carpenter Shop." However, Map 191-52 (presumably 1918) designated the building "Paint Shop" with both the building outline and the name erased.

## F. DEMOLITION OF BUILDING

McCracken (2:286) gives July 18, 1908 as the date of demolition of the North Dormitory and follows this with the Old Veterinary Hospital and the Carpenter Shop. The date July 18, 1908 would seem to apply to all three buildings, but this is not the case. The Veterinary Hospital (H 119) was razed in 1912, and there is photographic evidence (X 2722) that H 115 was still standing in 1912.

McCracken later (4:14A) gives "about 1912" as the date of demolition. Actual demolition was probably a few years later. This building was put on a set of maps (191-09, 191-12, 191-13, and 191-14) prepared in 1912, and was later erased. It also appeared on the linen transparency for one of the 1918 maps (191-52) and was later erased.

An untested hypothesis is that the building was abandoned as a carpenter shop in 1914, when a new carpenter shop was provided in the new west wing of Building 004, and that H 115 continued in use for a few years as a shop or paint shop. Since it appears on one 1918 map (191-52) and was erased, and does not appear on other 1918 maps, the date of demolition would seem to be about 1918.

## G. PHOTOGRAPHS

### 1. In Photoarchives:

X 2227

X 2229 (Building 5)

X 2722 (addition)

### 2. Other

McC 1:29 (original building)

McC 2:204 (addition)

## H. MISCELLANEOUS

The original part of this building was built with part of a \$1500 appropriation for a "veterinary museum." When the Board of Trustees on June 24, 1885 approved the use of a portion of this appropriation, it was intended that a portion of the basement be used for a museum. Since H 115 had no basement, presumably the museum was to be in University Hall (088).

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### **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

Map 190-13 dated October 29, 1906 shows this building with the addition.

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### **ADDENDUM NO. 2**

It now appears that Map 189-09 is based on a 1906 map (Map 190-09). See Report 189-09, Annotation 2, in Herrick, OSU Historical Maps.

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